

REMARKS

The application has been amended to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-11, 14 and 15 were previously pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are canceled, leaving claims 6, 9-11, 14, and 15 for consideration.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 6, 9-11, 14 and 15 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 4 are rejected as unpatentable over GADKAREE et al. 6,225,733 in view of BENDALE et al. 6,631,074. Claim 2 is rejected further in view of ANDELMAN 6,127,474 and claim 5 is rejected further in view of GAN et al. 6,171,729.

Canceling claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 is believed to render moot the above-noted rejections.

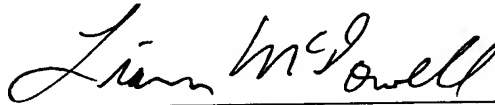
Since the claims remaining in the application are directed to allowable subject matter and since there is believed no outstanding formal matters, the application is believed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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